

Plot Hatching Related

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Dist. Atty. Garrison's "confidential informant," 3-judge criminal district court panel say he heard Lee Harvey Oswald, Clay and David Ferrie plotting to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Raymond Russo, 35, an insurance man from Baton Rouge, testified he saw Ferrie's apartment here in September.

Ragging little question,
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and listened to a discussion of killing Kennedy and make a getaway. He said the plot involved "triangular shooting," diversifying shooting, a flight to Cuba and the sacrificing of men as a scapegoat to allow the others to escape.

Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, two months after the alleged meeting. He was shot in the back of the head in his cluttered apartment not far from Orleans' elegant Garden District.

WARREN COMMISSION said that there was the lone assassin and that there was no evidence of any conspiracy. Three alleged conspirators, only one was killed by Jack Ruby five days after the assassination, and one died in bed Feb. 22.

He denied taking part in any conspiracy to kill the President, and the general in Washington said the FBI had Shaw late in 1963 and cleared him from the assassination.

by a part-time college student who was a young cousin near the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge described as "a nice young kid" and a fellow student at LSU said "a quiet type who is interested in

to him as "Leon Oswald" and Shaw as "Clem Bertrand."

Shown a photograph by Garrison, Russo identified Leon as Lee Harvey Oswald—the man the Warren Commission named as the assassin.

Asked if Clem Bertrand was in the courtroom, Russo pointed at Shaw.

The 54-year-old Shaw, calmly smoking a cigarette, didn't move.

RUSO SAID he first saw Lee Harvey Oswald in Ferrie's apartment, and that Oswald was "wiping or cleaning a rifle, bolt action. It had a sight on it for hunting."

Russo said he had seen Bertrand in May, 1962, when President Kennedy dedicated a new wharf in New Orleans, and said "New Orleans must trade or fade."

"I was in school," Russo said. "The President was coming down to make a speech. At that time I saw Bertrand. While the President was speaking, I was looking around. Bertrand was one of the few not looking at the President."

Police estimated 20,000 persons attended the dedication.

Russo said that after he contacted Garrison following Ferrie's death, the district attorney took him to "a house on Dauphine Street." Shaw lives at 1313 Dauphine St. "He stuck his head out the door, and I said, 'That's the man,'" Russo said, referring to Bertrand.

The hearing recessed at 1:15 p.m.



10 a.m. Wednesday. The defendant subpoenas for Russo's school and employment records.

The rare 3-judge criminal district panel was called to hear the preliminary case and decide whether there is evidence to warrant formal charges for Shaw, now retired.

SHAW WAS ARRESTED in Garrison's office on March 1. He was booked, never formally charged, with conspiracy to kill the President. Such procedure is more under Louisiana law.

Shaw, sometime Army major, was on \$10,000 bond shortly after his arrest.

Ferrie, a former airline pilot, was dead in his bed Feb. 22. The coroner's death resulted from natural causes.

After leading Russo through a summary of his educational background, present job, Garrison asked if he knew Ferrie.

Russo said he not only knew Ferrie had an "open book invitation" to visit Ferrie's apartment at any time.

He said that it was in the summer of 1963 that Ferrie "indicated to me I was obsessed with Kennedy." This was immediate objection as being a conspiracy reached by the witness. The court sustained the objection.

"Don't tell us your conclusions," warned Garrison. "What did Ferrie say in regard to Kennedy?"

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